



# STATE REPRESENTATIVE **BETH MEYERS**

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## **REPRESENTATIVE MEYERS RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS**

**MADISON** – Beth Meyers (D-Bayfield) issued the following response to Governor Scott Walker's budget address which took place within the Assembly Chambers on Tuesday night.

*"I am troubled by the uncertain aspects of the Governor's proposed budget. While he did not address the record \$300 million cut to the University of Wisconsin System in tonight's address, this proposed cut would be devastating to the quality of education our students need to find good, family-supporting jobs. Also, the Governor plans to go back to bonding for many transportation projects. This plan kicks the can down the road, and leaves our children and grandchildren to pay for it," said Meyers.*

Governor Walker's speech highlighted his budget which includes a \$300 million cut from the University of Wisconsin System while giving it more independence from the state. It relies on \$1.3 billion in borrowing to fund transportation projects over the next two years. Also mentioned was an increase broadband expansion and services for victims of child sex trafficking, as well as mandatory drug testing to receive welfare benefits.

*"Although I have serious concerns with many aspects of Governor Walker's budget, there are also several proposals that appear to be steps in the right direction. I am encouraged by the Governor's plan to provide \$6 million for broadband expansion, a crucial issue for economic development in the 74<sup>th</sup> District and other rural areas. I also appreciate the pilot project aimed at encouraging dentists to provide more services to low-income people, as well as the provision of \$2 million for victims of child sex trafficking with a focus on rural areas," stated Meyers.*

*"I am looking forward to working together with the Governor and my colleagues on this budget and other important issues that are facing my constituents. I believe that we can improve our economy and fix our budget without sacrificing the excellence of our education system or our quality of life here in Wisconsin and I am optimistic that we can put politics aside and do what is best for the our state," said Meyers.*

Representative Meyers also had the opportunity to escort Governor Walker tonight to the Assembly Chambers for his budget address speech. Meyers believes that even though the Governor and she come from different political parties and have differing political views, they have mutual respect for their offices and want what is best for the state of Wisconsin.

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